

## Mascots with Friend



ACO Haley-Dee Parlin with Duxbury Animal Shelter mascots Shadow (left) and Jeni.

## Local Animal Control in Capable Hands

Newly hired Animal Control Officer Haley-Dee Parlin is 3 weeks into her new job and still excited.

Averaging between 5 and 10 calls per day, her "van" can be seen around town as she patrols the streets for wandering pets.

She reports to Police Lt. Susan James and maintains a desk in the shelter behind town hall which currently houses 2 stray dogs. She started at a salary of \$27,500.

"Duxbury has a dog control law not a leash law which means dogs are not allowed to run loose unless they are under the control of the handler either by leash or voice," she said.

Certified in pet nutrition and as an animal control officer, Parlin grew up with animals surrounded by animals in her Texas home. "I was always bringing home a stray," she said.

Most recently she ran a grooming shop and worked for a humane society, where she said she had an opportunity to work with people and educate them on humane issues.

She estimates that she's picked up 50 to 75 dogs in the past 3 weeks and emphasized that they should have a license and rabies collar at all times.

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She plans to become involved in adopt a pet programs and will work closely with local veterinarians and police to cover Duxbury's animal control needs.

She can be reached on 934-6424.

## No-Kill Cat Shelter Seeks Volunteers

The Standish Humane Society cat shelter seeks volunteers to help care for stray and abandoned cats. Anyone who loves cats and would like to spend a few hours a week or a few hours a month assisting in their care, should call 834-4663.

The no-kill shelter houses up to 90 cats. Only new arrivals are caged in large exercise pens. The rest of the coats roam free in 10 rooms; they play with their toys, or sleep in sunny windows or cozy beds. All cats are sterilized, up-to-date on vaccines, wormed and flea-free. No cat is ever put to sleep because it has been at the shelter too long. Cats remain in the homelike shelter until they are adopted.

Many cats at the shelter need and welcome special attention. Read-headed Aurora will play endlessly; Mama wants a lap to sleep on; Persian-mix Stowie needs to be groomed; shy Clara wants someone to talk softly to her and gently pat her. Volunteers are also needed to feed and clean. The shelter is immaculate and has an outstanding reputation. Standish places approximately 500 cats per year in carefully screened homes.

Volunteers are needed to work mornings and early evenings. They are trained and an experienced supervisor is always available.

For more information, call 834-4663.